

**Irrigation pumps in Pavagada Taluk
(applications for power supply).**

Q.—383. Sri Mall MARIYAPPA
(Pavagada).—

Will the Government be pleased to
state :—

(a) the number of applications
received for sanction of power for irri-
gation pumps in Pavagada Taluk for
the past one year ;

(b) whether it is a fact that such
applications are kept by on the ground
that sufficient power is not available ?

A— Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister
for Agriculture).—

(a) 84.

(b) Estimates have been prepared
for all the 84 applications but the same
has been kept by due to the overloaded
condition of the Power Transformers
feeding these areas.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET
FOR 1955-56.**

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chief Minister
will now present the Budget.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

SIR,

HAVE great pleasure in presenting to the House the
Budget Estimates for the year 1955-56.

During the current year seasonal conditions have
been generally favourable over the greater part of the
State. Although the average rainfall during the year
was 38·88 inches, which is higher than the State average
of 28·25 inches for the last 35 years, in some parts of the
State it was not timely and in some others not adequate.
Dry crops have not, therefore, been quite good in
certain taluks of Kolar, Tumkur, Chitaldrug, Bellary
and Bangalore Districts. The seasonal conditions over
the entire country and particularly in the neighbouring
States have been favourable during the year. The
production of foodgrains, paddy as well as cereals, has
increased.

We have to remember with gratitude Shri Rafi
Ahmed Kidwai whose foresight and administrative
ability freed this country from controls and scarcities.
In him, we have lost a great leader, a wise statesman and
an able administrator. His services to the nation for
over three decades will always be remembered with
admiration and gratitude.

We have progressed as a result of our policies and
efforts from scarcity to plenty in the field of food
production. This is, indeed, a happy development.
There is, however, another side to this plenty. The
prices of agricultural commodities have recently shown
a tendency to decline. If the prices of agricultural
commodities fall below economic levels, the ryot will